

# What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday 15th November**  
**First Prep transition day**

**Friday 17th November**  
**Prep Fire Ed**

**Monday 20th November**  
**WHS Discovery Day Gr 5**

**Tuesday 21st November**  
**WHS Discovery Day Gr 6**

**Wednesday 22nd November**  
**5/6 REACH Program**

**Thursday 23rd November**  
**Prep Excursion to Albury  
to see Pevan and Sarah**

**5/6 REACH Program**

**Monday 27th November -  
Friday 1st December**  
**Grade 6 Bike Ed**

**Monday 4th December**  
**Grade 1 Excursion to Echuca**

**Grade 5 Bike Ed (week long)**

**Tuesday 5th December**  
**Cathedral Transition Day**

**Thursday 7th December**  
**TWILIGHT MARKET**

Happy Colour Run Day! The kids started the day looking so clean and tidy in their white shirts, and ended the day dripping in colour (literally!) What a great way to spend a hot, spring afternoon. A huge thank you to the Parents and Friends team for organising the event, and to the many volunteers who helped out squirting kids with the coloured slime and/or powder. Thank you also to Xavier Norden for all of the running around getting things ready for the day.

At the same time this afternoon, Meg Raison, Tessa and I were supporting one of our senior students, Jack Ambrose, at the funeral of his father Jayson who very sadly passed away late last week. The staff and I have been deeply saddened by the news and will surround Jack and his extended family with our care and support now and in the days, weeks and months to come.

As the weather is now well and truly heating up, please remember to send students to school with a small bottle of sunscreen that they can apply throughout the day to avoid sunburns. If possible, it would also be greatly appreciated if you could please send along a box of tissues as our classrooms are running out amidst the increase in hayfever related symptoms.

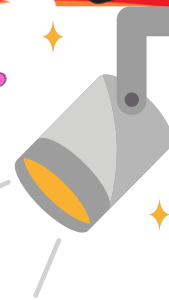
Prep transitions are starting next week so it will be wonderful to meet the newest members of our school community on Wednesday.

Finally, just a reminder that parent requests for 2024 have now closed but rest assured that our staff will use their thorough knowledge of students to place them into the class that will be the best fit for them in 2024. This process takes many, many hours so a huge thank you to our staff for the time and care they put into the process. Changes once announced are usually not able to be accommodated so fingers crossed we have 500 happy little people come step-up day .

Have a great weekend everyone,

*Spotlight on...*

# SCIENCE



Science this term has been all about Chemistry!

**Preps** have been learning about the different materials we use every day. They have experimented to discover which materials are waterproof, which are magnetic and which will dissolve in water. Our favourite one so far has been dipping cotton buds with detergent into a plate of milk and food dye. We got some pretty spectacular colours as we saw the detergent react with and break down the fat in the milk!

In **Grade 1** we have been experimenting with the changes possible in different materials. Some can be bent, stretched, frozen, melted or cut. Some can change back and others can't. Our favourite experiment by far though was the kaboom bags, where we mixed bicarb and vinegar inside a ziplock bag. The gas made by the reaction between these two chemicals was enough to make the bag explode!

In **Grade 2** we have been learning all about mixtures, and how simply mixing two or more substances to create a change or a reaction is a big part of Chemistry. Even cooking dinner at home (mixing, chopping/crushing, applying heat, etc) is all practicing Chemistry. We grew salt crystals (some of them a little too well) and experimented with absorption by leaving gummy bears in different solutions to see how big they would grow.

**Grade 3** has been all about the different states of matter; solids, liquids and gases. We've examined how adding heat or removing heat can change the state of an object by making predictions and then dipping different foods (honey, coconut oil, marshmallows, chocolate chips, etc) into boiling water to see how they change. We've also learned about mixtures and solutions and how we use these every day.

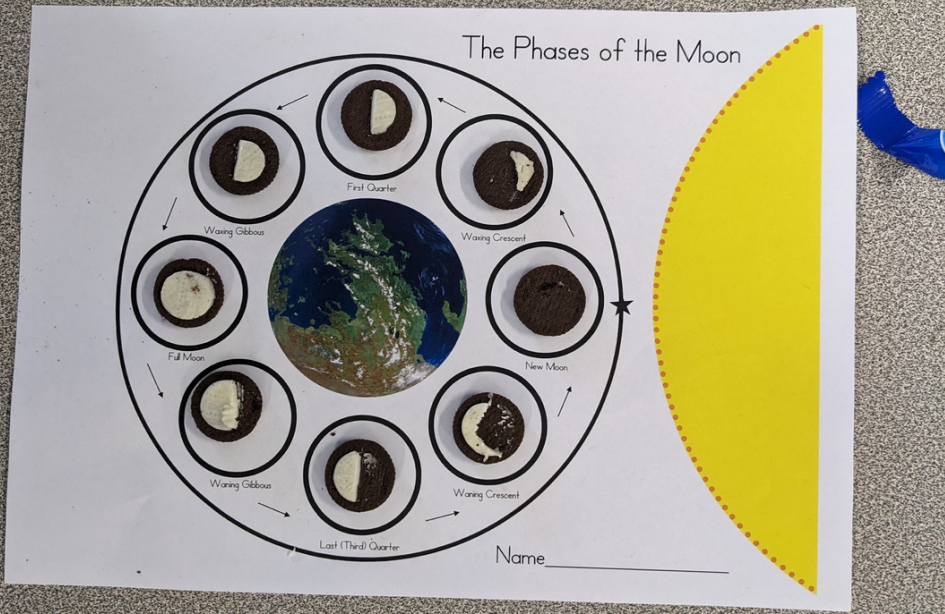
In **Grade 4** we have been asking why different materials are used for different purposes. A skyscraper made from paper is a terrible idea, but that doesn't mean paper is useless. We use metal, timber, ceramic, glass, wool, plastic, etc for the different benefits and strengths that they each have. Our favourite challenge was trying to use a weak material (toothpicks) to bear as much weight as possible by arranging them into strong rigid shapes.

In **Grade 5** we have also been learning about the states of matter and how molecules behave in different states. We used cheerios to represent molecules stacked together tightly in a solid, flowing freely in a liquid and distant and dispersed in a gas. We have also been experimenting creating 3D designs on the iPads in the hope of creating them in real life.

**Grade 6** has also been about the states of matter and what it takes to shift an object between these states. We have created a stop motion animation to demonstrate how particles move in these different states, but our favourite experiment by far was creating Ooblek. By using only cornflour and water (with a little bit of food dye to make it interesting) we were easily able to create a substance that can behave as both a liquid and a solid due to the cornflour not actually dissolving into the water but rather being suspended in it, allowing the ooblek to flow when left alone, but harden when pressure is applied.

We've had a lot of fun in science this year. Who knows what we might get up to in 2024!







# Student OF THE Week

<b>Prep D</b>	Isabelle	For taking on feedback in class and working very hard at practising her words and number sat home. Well done, Isabelle!
	Coah	For great improvement in her reading and writing. Well done, Coah!
<b>Prep M</b>	Isabelle	For working hard on your writing skills. I am so proud of the way you take on feedback and use this to be the best writer you can be. Keep up the great work!
<b>Prep O</b>	Nathan	Thank you Nathan, for always using safe language in our classroom!
	Maleigha	Well done Maleigha, for working extremely hard on your handwriting this week! Not only have you have been listening to teacher feedback and attending to the dotted thirds sizing - you also have been giving feedback to your friends to help them be successful too!
<b>1M</b>	Aidan	For always being ready to learn and being kind and considerate towards others.
<b>2C</b>	Riley	for a huge improvement in her Reading and Writing this year. Such a delight to see.
<b>2K</b>	Paige	Well done Paige on your improvement in reading this year. It is amazing to see you excited to be reading chapter books! Don't stop reading!
<b>4MV</b>	Britney	for always being a bright and happy student. Nothing is ever too challenging or too much of an ask for Britney and if it is, you wouldn't know as she doesn't complain and keeps on smiling showing great resilience. Thanks Britney for being you!
	Dax	for being our "go to guy" when it comes to learning. We can always rely on Dax to know the answer to any questions we ask relating to Maths or Science. If he doesn't he is always keen to find out. He is a wealth of knowledge and shows success in all that he does. Thanks Dax for being a brilliant member of our class.
<b>4WM</b>	Maxn	For surviving camp and completing every activity with a smile on his face.
	Jed	For stepping out of his comfort zone on camp and showing great leadership skills.
	Tia	For fully embracing the challenge of camp with enthusiasm and almost breaking Mr Woodburne's phone with a well aimed sponge during 'sponge wars'
<b>5C</b>	Quinn	for showing our school value of Resilience, by persisting through challenging learning tasks and always giving everything a go!
<b>6R</b>	Jack	for showing that he is capable of persisting through difficult tasks, especially during maths. It's great to see your excitement in your own successes Jack, you can do it after all!



# Student OF THE Week

- 6R** Indi for the way that she cares for others by checking in on how they are feeling and offering her support. Thank you for going out of your way to consider others, Indie. Well done!
- 6S** Issy For the excellent effort you are putting into your WestFest Market business. Keep up the fantastic work!
- Logan for being an absolute superstar in all that we do. You are a fantastic leader Logan and we are lucky to have you in our class.





# TWILIGHT MARKET

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER

5:30PM - 7:30PM



PLANTS / FOOD TRUCKS / WOODWORK  
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS / BATH BOMBS / JEWELLERY  
ARCADE GAMES / CRAFTS / ARTWORK  
AND SO MUCH MORE!





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# Give a Gift Appeal

Upper Murray Family Care

Thank-you for your generous donation of:  
**unwrapped, new gifts or  
school packs**

*(backpacks with stationary, books, other school items)*

for vulnerable children and young people *(aged newborn-17 yrs)* in our community

## Gift donation points

-  **UMFC Wodonga, 27 Stanley St Wodonga**
-  **UMFC Wangaratta, 36 Mackay St Wangaratta**
-  **Rural City of Wangaratta Council Office,  
62-68 Ovens Street, Wangaratta**
-  **West End Plaza, Albury**
-  **Whitebox Rise Shopping Centre, Wodonga**
-  **Rural City of Wangaratta Children's Services Centre,  
1 Handley St, Wangaratta**



# WINTON WETLANDS

## WILD WEEK EXPO



Celebrating 13 years of Winton Wetlands  
A restoration project of scientific, environmental  
and cultural significance.

COME AND JOIN US AT  
WINTON WETLANDS FOR A

FAMILY FUN DAY  
TO REMEMBER!

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER  
10AM - 2PM  
WINTON WETLANDS HUB &  
EDUCATION CENTRE

IN COLLABORATION WITH

FOOD AVAILABLE



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WANGARATTA WEST  
**ARTISANS  
MARKET**

**ST MICHAEL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
O'LEARY STREET**

**SATURDAY**

**18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

**9.00 AM — 1.00 PM**

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL  
CRAFTS MEN AND WOMEN**

**Come and Buy your Christmas Gifts**

◆ **HANDCRAFTED ITEMS**

◆ **FRESH PRODUCE**

◆ **PLANTS**

◆ **HOME BAKED CAKES**

◆ **MORNING TEA**

◆ **COFFEE VAN**

◆ **COME FOR BRUNCH/LUNCH:**

**BBQ and SAVOURY & SWEET CREPES**

***The Ukelele Club will be there for a short time***



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3RD DECEMBER  
2023**

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